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CHUCK'S THOUGHTS

Saturday the 25th day of April 2015 was a great day to own a Model A. The club went to see an amazing car collection in Sand Springs and then went on to Bristow and visited Bolin Ford. We had 18 to 20 cars go to Bristow and we were met by the friendliest folks that made us feel right at home. Of course, no one saw what happened behind the scenes. Lisa and I were to meet Ralph and Connie at 7:30 a.m. at the Waffle House in Owasso. At 7:30 a.m.; Lisa was still trying to figure out what to wear. Jeans or shorts, I mean does it really make any difference. At 7:45 a.m. Lisa finally came out of the house to discover our dog, Yadi, digging in her flower bed. She proceeded to yell at Yadi for another 5 minutes or so. At the end of her tongue lashing even I felt sorry for the poor dog. At 7:50 a.m. (Only 20 minutes late) we finally left the house only to turn immediately around because she had forgotten her sunglasses. We finally meet Ralph and Connie at about 8:10 a.m. Keep in mind we are to meet the group in Sapulpa at 8:30 a.m. and we are still in Owasso. We head to Sapulpa where we hope to meet up with the group at the Dollar General Store on Highway 97. As luck would have it, apparently there are two Dollar



General Stores on Highway 97 and we go to the wrong one. We arrive at the Dollar Store and observe an empty parking lot. Luckily, Ralph was able to contact Marvin who gave him the location of the car collection. All is well and you would think that the remainder of the day would go without incident and it did except for the fact that going back to Owasso, Ralph made a quick and unexpected stop for gas. Lisa and I proceeded on unaware of the stop until we were well past the entrance to the station. I decided to proceed alone confident that I could find our way home. This took a great deal of courage for me because I always follow Ralph. After all you never know when you might need your mechanic. Not too long afterwards, I made a wrong turn and Lisa and I got temporarily lost in downtown Sand Springs. We took an extended tour of several of the residential areas that no one ever sees. We finally got home about 3:30 p.m. I went right to the kitchen and got a cold beer and then told Lisa what a great day it had been. We cannot wait until Thursday when we leave for Muskogee. Who knows what will happen there.

NUTS & BOLTS (OR MISCELLANEOUS TIDBITS)

by Ken Brust



We had another enjoyable outing following our April breakfast in Owasso. Jim and Edna Pogue, along with John and Sharon Lairmore, invited us to their homes at Gundy Airport. They are relatively new club members, so it was very interesting to visit their homes and hangars right off the runway at this small airport. As a pilot, it was always my dream to have a small airplane and live on an airport. What a fantastic setup!! They have invited us to return on Saturday, May 9, for a picnic from 11am-2pm since we are missing our monthly breakfast in May. You won't want to miss it!

I hope all of you have had the opportunity now to read the April issue of Vintage Magazine as well as the national MAFCA Restorer Magazine where some of our club members were highlighted. Many thanks to those club members! Great job by all.

Marvin has helped Larry Cox, a new club member, with his Model A and has learned that Larry is a true car lover. (See separate article.) Harold Misner, another new member, has recently purchased Hugh Dawson's Model A. Harold was welcomed into the club at our April meeting. Ralph and Connie brought Tom and Mary Quigley as guests who also joined at the April meeting. Ralph has recently helped assemble their car from numerous boxes of parts that Mary's dad had obtained years ago. Sounds like another interesting story. Please welcome Larry, Harold, Tom and Mary whenever you next see them.

Tory, Copnrad, Linda and I recently stumbled onto yet another amazing car collection right here in Tulsa. We are working to gain access to this private collection for our club members to visit. Stay tuned. We know you will enjoy seeing it! We are still hoping to get over to tour the Paragon facility and car collection.

Roy and Barbara recently led a hungry group in 15 Model As down the scenic back roads to Okmulgee for a very tasty lunch prepared by the Culinary School at

the OSU Vo-Tech Campus. Then, two days later, we had 18 Model As visit Bruce Ricks' car collection for morning coffee and donuts before continuing on down old Route 66 to Bristow where Bolin Ford hosted us for a picnic lunch. What a perfect Saturday with the sun shining, Model As running like well-maintained machines and food to consume at each stop! How much better can it get?

A Route 66 combined cruise and car show is scheduled for May 23 (route66patriotcarshow.com). Should be fun. Another car show is slated on June 27 in Bixby (riverview-church.org). Also, mark your calendars now for our club's Fall Tour on October 16-18.

Happy Trails!!



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Calendar of Events

DATE.....	EVENT AND LOCATION.....	TIME
May 1-3.....	Spring Tour Muskogee	TBA
May 9	Gundy Airport Picnic (Owasso)	11:00 a-2:00 p
May 19	Monthly Meeting, East Central Junior High School	7:00 p
May 23	Route 66 Cruise & Car Show	TBA
June 2	Board meeting, Hardesty	7:00 p
June 6	Breakfast.....	TBA
June 8-12.....	Midwest Regional, St. Joseph, Missouri	
June 27	Bixby Car Show.....	TBA
June 27	Club Picnic & Meeting, Chuck's House.....	Noon
July 11	Breakfast.....	TBA
July 21	Monthly Meeting, East Central Junior High School	7:00 p
October 16-18	Fall Tour.....	TBA

new members

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NEW MEMBER LARRY ROSS

by Ken Brust & Marvin Mellage

Many of us think of ourselves as car guys but Larry Ross takes it the next notch higher! While Marvin was helping him recently with his Model A,



Larry shared some interesting car stories that Marvin thought other club members would enjoy even though they don't involve Model A Fords. Many of our club members have T-Birds, Corvettes, muscle cars or other cool or vintage cars making us true car lovers, regardless of the specific vehicle. And who among us doesn't remember going to stock car races on Friday nights? Might we have another John Zink among us?

Larry enjoyed racing and had a 1956 Ford stock car as a senior in high school in 1971. He said he had a total of \$95 in this car and was 4th place in the standings in May. He had to miss one night of racing on Friday to graduate from high school which cost him some points and dropped him down to 10th place. He was fortunate not to miss any more races and finished the year in 7th place winning Rookie of the Year. Larry mentions, "I raced my car for 4 weeks before my parents knew anything about it. My dad was approached by a couple of the guys he worked with who asked if he had a son who raced. He told them no, that his son was still in high school. They



had seen my name in the papers. Dad was a World War II Marine who had fought hand-to-hand combat, so I wasn't going to lie to him when he asked me about racing. Fortunately, he allowed me to continue

racing!" Larry did take some spills and mentions one exciting incident. "One time my '56 Ford took a bit of a ride, flipping 6 times and, on the last 2 rolls, went end over end. It was the only night my mother went to the races and she freaked out even though I walked away from the car untouched."

Larry also has a yellow sprint car. It was raced in Iowa in the 60's, 5 or 6 nights a week, and the owner made a living doing only that. One



could do that back then but soon after the early 70's, racing became much too expensive to make a living at that level. Larry continues, "My 2nd car was a '55 Chevy and, in 1972, I had close to \$300 in this beauty. At such a young age, I attracted a couple of



guys that helped me out a lot. I had a shop in downtown Muskogee that I rented for \$15.00 a month. Just across the alley was a parts store and machine shop.

The machinist was so impressed that I built this Chevy myself, a better built and prettier car than most of the cars that grown men built. He had me take my heads off one Saturday and told me to come see him the next Wednesday. Not sure what all he did to those heads, but that 283 engine became a rocket. He pulled the right front coil spring out of a 1958 Chevy station wagon, cut it down to fit and now my car handled in the corner without the body roll you see in the one picture with me on the outside of car #13. Notice how badly #13 looks in the corners next to mine. I finished that season in the #3 spot, a close race among the top 2 and myself, and gained most improved driver that year. I still have the yellow sprint car and the #71 '55 Chevy. I plan to restore the '55 Chevy back like it was when I raced it. I have a '55 Bel Aire 2 dr. body in perfect condition, so the car will look just like it did the first night at the track."

MEMBERS BIRTHDAYS
& ANNIVERSARIES

MAY

- 04 Kent Washburn
- 08 Wanda Sue Payne
- 09 J.D. & Joann
SAMPLEY
- 13 Terri Ulberg
- 17 Charles Ramsey
- 17 Lisa Ramsey
- 18 Steven & Kenda
REISER
- 20 Bobby Williamson
- 23 Barbara Cail
- 25 Ted Forcum
- 26 Shayla Knight
- 28 Charles Smith
- 29 Donna Robinson
- 29 Mitchell & Melody
DUVALL
- 29 Ollie & Virginia
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Tour of Gundy Airport



Breakfast in Owasso



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- Breakfast - 9:00 a.m., 1st Saturday of each month, location to be announced
- Board Meeting - 7:00 p.m., 1st Tuesday of each month, Charles Hardesty Library, 8316 East 93rd Street, Tulsa

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